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Dear Noah Kwicklis:

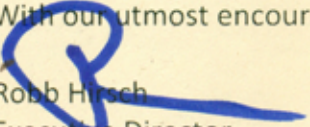
Every year the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out *Climate Courage, Direct Action, Justice, Education & Innovation Awards* to people locally and around the country who demonstrate leadership in helping address climate change and spurring our nation and community on in the clean energy revolution. This year we are pleased to present to you this year's **CCLI Innovation Award** for your commitment in the field of sustainability engineering displayed by your "Solar Water Desalinator" Project, and your subsequent master level math and science studies.

CCLI visited your Solar Water Desalinator project exhibit last May during inventions day at Santa Fe Secondary and we were most impressed with your invention. Your project brilliantly demonstrates an integrated solution to two of the most vital needs of our society – access to drinking water and clean energy deployment. Yours is the kind of idea that engineers in the 21st century will be called upon to develop and advance in order to achieve the higher purpose of helping safeguard life on earth.

We understand that since graduating from Santa Fe Secondary you have since entered the Masters School at the Santa Fe Community College, that at the ripe age of 15 you are taking college calculus and computer modeling and that you have been an active member of the NANO Science Club. Your pursuit of higher education in science and math is most impressive. It's important that more young people like you are given the means and encouragement to develop mastery in the field of engineering because more and more our society depends on it. Just the other day, for instance, we all learned from the example Google is setting: 50% of Google's employees are engineers; 20% of the work-time at Google its engineers are encouraged to branch out of their core search engine business into "bettering the world" fields of discovery and invention (like your project); so it's no surprise Google is seriously investing in wind energy projects, dynamic transmission solutions, robotic cars and the like. **The point is: keep-up what you are doing; it's important; we are proud of you; and Godspeed!**

CCLI's Innovation Award comes with a financial prize, the acknowledgement will also be featured on our website www.takeresponsibility.us (relating to which we would appreciate a response letter from you to post on the site as well) and we will be providing you a plaque to go along with the award which you can receive in person at 2:30 during our Oct 24th annual event (see the enclosed flyer and know you are welcome to participate in the bike ride portion earlier that day if you like).

With our utmost encouragement and congratulations,



Robb Hirsch
Executive Director

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